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**AMENDMENT TO #12: TSE OPPORTUNITIES FOR CalWORKs PARTICIPANTS**

In recent years, child welfare service delivery reform successfully increased safe family reunification or achieved timely alternative permanency for youth under Los Angeles County supervision. However, the outlook for the 1,800 youth who continue to annually age-out of care without permanency continues to be bleak.

National research reveals that when youth exit care at or about age 18, half of them are unemployed; one-third are dependent on public assistance; a quarter are incarcerated; and over a fifth are homeless. According to August 2011 data released by the U.S. Department of Labor - Bureau of Labor Statistics, the national unemployment rate for younger Americans remains stubbornly high, at **18.1 percent**. A former foster youth's history of abuse/neglect may further exacerbate this reality by posing additional challenges and barriers as they transition into a workplace impacted by one of the worst economic crises since the Great Depression.

I support Supervisor Knabe's motion before us today to increase the Department of Public Social Services' contract with South Bay Workforce Investment Board for Transitional Subsidized Employment (TSE) Services to CalWORKs participants. However, Los Angeles County must use this unique opportunity to improve the futures of its previous wards by prioritizing TSE Services to former foster youth, ages 18 – 24, who are parents currently receiving CalWORKs.

**I, THEREFORE, MOVE**, that the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors directs the Chief Executive Officer to ensure that the Acting Director of the Department of Public Social Services prioritizes TSE Services to former foster youth who are parents currently receiving CalWORKs.

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